APPENDIX

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Act No. 69, approved September 3, 1910; Laws of 1910, Special Session, pp. 42-45.

AN ACT

To regulate the reconveyance by the Municipality of San Juan of certain lands conveyed to it under the provisions of a Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to Authorize the Commissioner of the Interior to sell to the Municipality of San Juan, certain lands lying east of the City of San Juan, at the place known as 'Puerta de Tierra,' belonging to The People of Porto Rico; and prescribing the conditions thereof, and for other purposes," approved March 10, 1910; to repeal the said Joint Resolution, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico:

Section 1.—That the title to the following tract of land, which under the provisions of the Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the Interior to sell to the municipality of San Juan, certain lands lying east of the city of San Juan, at the place known as Puerta de Tierra, belonging to The People of Porto Rico; and prescribing the conditions thereof, and for other purposes," approved March 10, 1910, was conveyed to the municipality of San Juan by the Commissioner of the Interior, be divested out of the said municipality and be revested in the people of Porto Rico; * * *.

Section 2.—That the Commissioner of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey to the Young Men's Christian Association of San Juan, or to the Board of Trustees representing the said association, for the nominal consideration of one dollar ($1.00), a lot consisting of not less than six thousand (6,000) square meters and situated in that part of the land above described nearest the city of San Juan, on the condition that said association shall erect thereon a Young Men's Christian Association building which shall cost, when fully equipped, not less than seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000), and maintain the same

for the purposes of said association for a period of not less than ten (10) years, or, in default thereof, the title of the said land shall revert to The People of Porto Rico.

Section 3.—That for the purpose of aiding in securing the construction and maintenance in Porto Rico of a hotel which will be capable of suitably accommodating the needs and requirements of the tourist, commercial, transient and resident patronage, the Commissioner of the Interior, with the advice and approval of the Governor of Porto Rico is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations * * *.

Section 4.—That the hotel be constructed * * *.

Section 5.—That the Governor of Porto Rico shall duly investigate such offers * * *.

Section 6.—That the Commissioner of the Interior is authorized and empowered, with the advice and approval of the Governor of Porto Rico, to make a proper deed. * * *.

Section 7.—That for the purpose of cooperating in the construction and maintenance in the city of San Juan of a casino which may fill social needs and promote general culture, the Commissioner of the Interior is hereby authorized and instructed to sell to the association "Casino de Puerto Rico," for the price of one dollar ($1.00) and by virtue of other consideration, a parcel of land belonging to The People of Puerto Rico, comprised in the official map of the office of the Commissioner of the Interior, dated November, 1909, and whose description is as follows:

"A parcel of land located on the eastern side of the city of San Juan, consisting of five thousand, six hundred and ninety-six (5,696) square meters and thirty (30) centimeters, bounded on the north and east by the lands of the Military Reservation; on the south by Road No. 1, and on the west by the street situated on the eastern side of the Plaza de Colón."

Section 8.—That the Commissioner of the Interior shall proceed to execute the proper deed transferring the ownership of the land so sold to the association "Casino de Puerto Rico"; *Provided,* That the construction of the casino building shall be carried out within a period of time which shall not exceed one year and a half from the date of the approval of this Act.

Section 9.—The terms, conditions and obligations of this Act shall apply to any purchaser or successor of such grantee, whether by voluntary act or by judicial procedure.

Section 10.—That the Joint Resolution entitled * * *, approved March 10, 1910, and all laws, or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 11.—That this Act shall take effect from and after its approval.

Act No. 2, approved February 21, 1912, Laws of 1912, pp. 38-39.

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the reconveyance by the municipality of San Juan of certain lands conveyed to it under the provisions of a 'Joint Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the Interior to sell to the municipality of San Juan, certain lands lying to the east of the City of San Juan, at the place known as 'Puerto de Tierra,' belonging to The People of Porto Rico; and prescribing the conditions thereof, and for other purposes,' " approved September 3, 1910.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico:

Section 1.—That Sections 7 and 8 of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the reconveyance by the Municipality of San Juan of certain lands conveyed to it under the provisions of a Joint Resolution entitled 'Joint Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of the Interior to sell to the Municipality of San Juan, certain lands lying to the east of the city of San Juan, at the place known as 'Puerta de Tierra,' belonging to The People of Porto Rico; and prescribing the conditions thereof, and for other purposes,' " approved September 3, 1910, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 7.—The Commissioner of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and transfer, and he is hereby directed to sell and transfer, to the association or corporation 'Casino de Puerto Rico,' for the nominal price of one dollar ($1.00), and by virtue of other consideration, a parcel of land containing not less than five thousand six hundred and ninety-six square meters and thirty square centimeters (5,696.30

square meters), bounded on the north and east by lands pertaining to the Military Reservation, on the south by road No. 1 and on the west by the street that runs on the east side of the Plaza Colón, belonging to The People of Porto Rico, comprised in the official map of the Commissioner of the Interior, dated November, 1909."

"Section 8.—The Commissioner of the Interior shall proceed to execute the proper deed transferring the ownership of the land so sold to the association 'Casino de Puerto Rico': *Provided,* That the association or corporation 'Casino de Puerto Rico' shall erect thereon a building, the cost of which, fully equipped, shall not be less than sixty thousand dollars ($60,000), and that said building shall be maintained for the purposes of the association for a period of at least ten (10) years, and should this not be the case, the title of ownership of such land shall revert to The People of Porto Rico."

Section 2.—*Provided,* That the construction of the Casino building shall be carried out within a period of time which shall not exceed three years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Joint Resolution No. 27, approved April 20, 1936; Laws of 1936, pp. 1194-1198.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Commissioner of the Interior and the Treasurer of Puerto Rico to enter into negotiations with the entities *Casino de Puerto Rico* and *Banco Territorial y Agrícola,* in liquidation, for the reimbursement of the funds of The People of Puerto Rico in the Banco Territorial y Agrícola, in liquidation, at the time of the closing of its operations, and for the acquisition of the reinforced-concrete building constructed by the first-named institution for a bowling alley, to be used for offices of the Insular Government; To appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, and for other purposes.

Whereas, Some time ago the Casino de Puerto Rico borrowed money from the Banco Territorial y Agrícola, for the purpose, among others, of constructing a reinforced-concrete building to be used for a bowling

alley, constituting a mortgage on its property in the sum of forty thousand (40,000) dollars);

Whereas, The Casino de Puerto Rico has paid the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars, reducing the principal debt to thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, but has been unable to continue its payments because said social center has been affected by the economic crisis prevailing in the country;

Whereas, Mortgage notes secured by mortgages, among which is included the mortgage of the Casino de Puerto Rico, were given by the Banco Territorial y Agrícola to the Treasurer of Puerto Rico as collateral security, and are still in possession of the said Treasurer;

Whereas, The Banco Territorial y Agrícola, in liquidation, owes a large sum of money to the Insular Treasury for deposits, and it would be beneficial for the Insular Government to obtain the final transfer of said mortgage notes, which are secured, among other mortgages, by the mortgage on the Casino de Puerto Rico, and to acquire therewith the reinforced-concrete building constructed by the Casino de Puerto Rico for a bowling alley and the lot on which the same is erected, and thereby the mortgage which encumbers the Casino de Puerto Rico would be cancelled and the Insular Government would acquire a building which would be of great use to it;

Whereas, The consent of the Legislature of Puerto Rico is required for making this transaction;

Whereas, The carrying out of this transaction is considered beneficial for the Insular Government.

Now, Therefore, *Be it resolved by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:*

Section 1.—The Commissioner of the Interior and the Treasurer of Puerto Rico are authorized to enter into negotiations with the entities *Casino de Puerto Rico* and *Banco Territorial y Agrícola,* in liquidation, in order thereby to acquire for The People of Puerto Rico the reinforced-concrete building constructed by the Casino de Puerto Rico for a bowling alley, together with the lot on which the same is erected, to be used entirely for offices of the Insular Government. This lot is described as follows: "Quadrilateral measuring fifty-nine meters and seventeen centimeters (59.17) on

the north, where it is bounded by Luis Muñoz Rivera Avenue; fifty-six meters and eighty centimeters (56.80) on the south, where it is bounded by Juan Ponce de León Avenue; twenty meters and thirty centimeters (20.30) on the east, where it is bounded by lands of The People of Puerto Rico, and thirty-six meters and eighty centimeters (36.80) on the west, where it is bounded by the property from which the lot is segregated, that is, the property belonging to the Casino de Puerto Rico. These boundaries embrace an area of one thousand six hundred and sixty-one square meters and sixty-four square decimeters (1,661.64)."

Section 2.—To carry out the provisions of this Act, the sum of thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars is hereby appropriated out of any available funds in the Insular Treasury, to be reimbursed, upon the acquisition of said building and lot, to the funds which The People of Puerto Rico had, and has, in the Banco Territorial y Agrícola, in liquidation.

Section 3.—The Treasurer of Puerto Rico is authorized to receive from the Banco Territorial y Agrícola, in liquidation, as part payment of the debt which the latter has with The People of Puerto Rico, mortgage notes secured in part by the mortgage on the Casino de Puerto Rico, originally amounting to forty thousand (40,000) dollars, in the sum of thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, which notes are in the possession of the Treasurer of Puerto Rico, and to pay, with said mortgage notes, the Casino de Puerto Rico for the acquisition of the reinforced-concrete building constructed by said entity for a bowling alley, the mortgage of said Casino being totally cancelled by this transaction; and the bowling-alley building and the lot on which the same is erected shall become the property of the Insular Government; *Provided,* That as a condition of this transaction, the remainder of the lot which was ceded to the Casino de Puerto Rico shall be used only for non-profit purposes, as a social center and recreation park annexed thereto; *Provided, further,* That in case the Casino de Puerto Rico is dissolved, or its activities cease in any way, or the said lot is used for other purposes different from those specified in the preceding *proviso,* such act or acts shall determine the gratuitous reversion of said lot, as well as

of all improvements and works constructed thereon, to The People of Puerto Rico; *Provided, also,* That the Commissioner of the Interior of Puerto Rico is authorized to accept the above-mentioned conditions in the corresponding deed.

Section 4.—The Commissioner of the Interior is authorized to execute and sign such deeds and instruments as may be necessary for the acquisition of the aforesaid building and lot, and to take charge of its maintenance as property of the Insular Government.

Section 5.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.